



## Be Faithful

Fret not because thy place is small; thy service need not be.  
For thou canst make it all there is of joy and ministry.  
The dewdrop, as the boundless sea, in God's great plan has part;  
And this is all He asks of thee: be faithful where thou art.

—Selected.

# Glad Tidings

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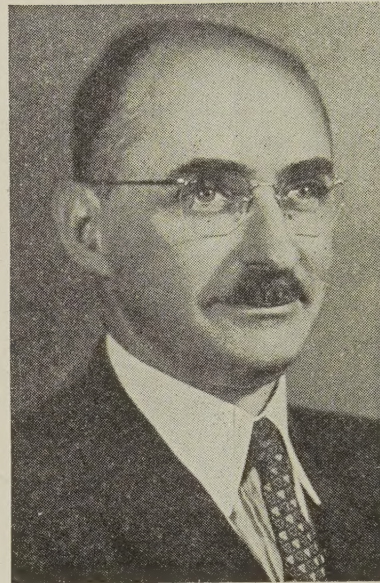
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# New Officers

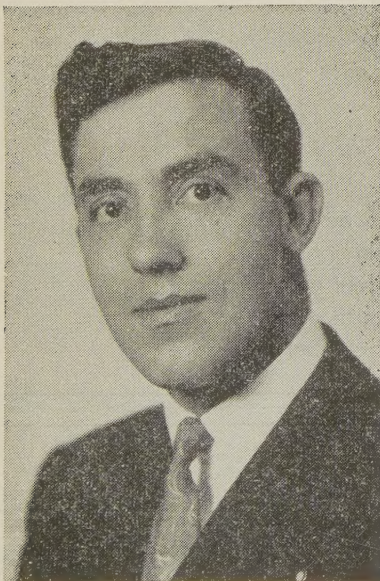


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At an impressive installation service held Thursday evening, August 31, in the First Pentecostal Church in Oakland, the newly elected officers were inaugurated into their positions. Brother Thurmond introduced Brother C. R. Ferguson, the new pastor of the First Pentecostal Church, and the host pastor of the evening, to the assembled constituency. After words of greetings from Brother Ferguson, Brother Harry Meyers, Representative of the Service Men's Department from Springfield, was introduced. He spoke of the progress of that branch of the work, and received an offering for the support of their program.

The meeting was then turned over to Brother L. R. Keys, chairman of the installation program. He presenting the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, R. J. Renfro, who spoke a few words. Then the retiring Superintendent, R. J. Thurmond, now Secretary-Treasurer was presented. The new Superintendent, W. T. Gaston, was introduced and following words of greeting broukht a splendid message which will appear in the next issue GLAD TIDINGS. The new officers were dedicated to the service of their office by the laying on of hands of the District and General Presbyters. The meeting was closed in a season of prayer and praise.



# His Mother Was A Tither

By ADELINE SWENSON

"Can I put some money in this bank?"

A fifteen-year-old boy in faded clothing stood before the teller's window of the bank in the little town of Barwick, Ga. His suit, badly worn, and his general appearance marked him as a tenant-farmer's son. Three layers of pasteboard, thrust inside his ragged shoes, kept his feet off the stone floor.

"How much do you want to put in, John?" the banker asked.

"Four dollars," the boy answered.

"How do you want the account made out?" And the man's voice was kindly, for he knew the boy as one of the regulars over at the Methodist Sunday School.

"John W. Yates and Company," the youngster answered gravely.

The banker peered through the grating at the lad with a quizzical look on his face. "Who's the company?" he queried.

"God," the boy replied, very solemnly. "I got my first month's pay today, and I'm starting my tithe account. This is God's money. I'm just handling it for Him."

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John Wesley Yates was the fourth child of Wiley and Lillie Yates, who lived in a little cabin at the edge of the pine woods. All of their lives the couple had struggled bravely against poverty. The husband, Wiley Yates, had been able to finish the fourth grade in school, but Lillie had gone on to the fifth and was able to "do decimals." But she was never able to keep her tithe down to ten per cent, though that is getting ahead of our story.

When John was less than a year old the ramshackle old cabin in which the family lived was burned to the ground, and they escaped with nothing more than their night clothes. Kindly neighbors, almost as destitute, came to their rescue as best they could with odds and ends of garments which they gave them to get their new start in life.

By some strange miracle which only a mother like Lillie Yates could have managed, the family got possession of an acre of land at the edge of the woods near Barwick, and built a rough pine-

log house. But they could not afford a brick chimney, and had to be content with one made of mud and sticks. One of the proudest moments of John's life came, years afterward, when he was sixteen. He had contrived to buy the bricks, and he presented his mother with a brick chimney as a birthday gift.

The first job the boy ever had for which he was paid real money (twenty-five cents a day), was one of "mindin' the gap" for a farmer. The hours were "from can to caint"—from the time he could see in the morning until he could not see at night. A few weeks after getting that position at the age of nine, he made a contract with his father that he would assume all the financial responsibility for his own life if he might be permitted to attend school part time. Both parties kept the contract with scrupulous honesty. They were proud of it.

About the same time a revival swept through the country round about Barwick, and under its spell Lillie Yates entered into a new religious experience, and John was converted and joined the Methodist Church. To anyone as poor as Mrs. Yates, the thought of giving ten per cent of her income was an earth-shaking decision. But Lillie Yates was not one to count the cost when her soul was stirred, and in a solemn hour at the altar of the church she dedicated her tithe to the Lord. The fact that she could "do decimals" seemed to intensify her sense of duty. The next morning she opened an account book, and for the next thirty-six years she kept the record with a devotion that was as beautiful as it was heroic.

Years afterward, when John Wesley Yates had risen to be recognized as one of the most successful insurance men in the United States, having served as cashier in a big bank, army administrator handling many billions of dollars, and expert accountant, he showed his mother's tithe-account book, with its simple records and said, "That book might not have the approval of a big-wig C. P. A., but I am sure our Heavenly Father calls it mighty good bookkeeping."

There was no money in the Yates

family treasury for any frills in either food or education, with the result that John never attended but one complete term of school in his life, but by studying under the old kerosene lamp, sitting up late, and staying in nights, he "passed" every grade until the ninth, when he was compelled to go to work at full-time employment. Twenty-four years afterward he went back to Barwick to deliver the commencement address for the high school, and, seated among the children of his former chums, received his diploma in recognition of having satisfied the school requirements.

This was the boy, then, who stood before the teller's window, with pasteboard inside his shoes, depositing four dollars and starting his account with the Lord under the name of "John W. Yates and Company." At that moment he was earning \$40 each month in his first regular job, paying \$22 for board, \$10 for tuition at a night school, and did not own a complete change of clothing. But the influence of his godly mother, and her unwavering devotion to the principles of the tithe, was a factor of greater force in his life than any poverty could ever be. She made of her son a tither for life!

The life story of John Yates reads like that of an Horatio Alger hero. Bookkeeper, bank teller, bank cashier, army quartermaster, whose checks for \$10,000,000 were honored, insurance salesman and finally general agent with a national reputation, the son of this tithing mother has been described by two pastors of great churches as "one of the most valuable laymen in Methodism."

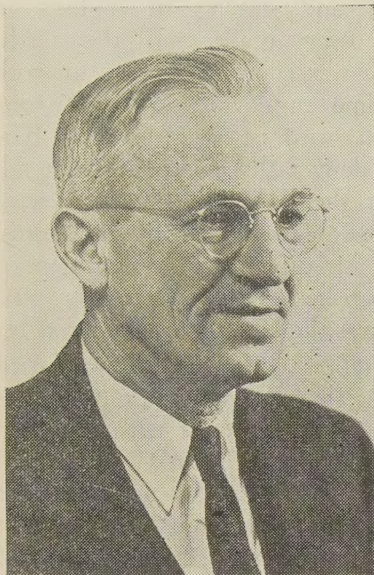
Lillie Yates' old tithing account book rests in the lower drawer of her son's big walnut desk alongside of his New Testament. He has shown it to tens of thousands of people in audiences before whom he has preached the doctrine of stewardship. Now, with the Georgia pines shadowing her grave, it has become to her son a sacred text, to be read alongside of the Scriptures.

The year after he came out of the army John Yates had his first tithing check printed, and every gift he has made since to any agency of the Lord's work has been written on a check which announces that "the tithe is the Lord's" and has been signed by the donor in the name of "John W. Yates and Company." Among his business friends, as

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# Introducing the Presbyter of Our North Bay Section



M. P. BOHNET,  
Pastor of our Santa Rosa Assembly

gas furnaces, and is well carpeted. The building was erected without any hired labor. The members and friends donated their time and help. Brother Bohnet was the designer, architect, and builder.

There is a growing assembly in Santa Rosa. They broadcast every Wednesday evening at nine o'clock over KSRO in a program known as Calvary's Messengers.

L. R. Anderson is the assistant pastor. He and Mrs. Anderson are a great help with their music, and he is a good preacher.

Sister Bohnet is a blessing to the assembly in her position as a good pastor's wife. They have five children who are all married, one son and four daughters. There are seven grandsons and one granddaughter. The grown folk are all saved and have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and are active in their respective churches. One son-in-law is in the active ministry, Pastor Otto Schmidt of Martinez.

Brother Bohnet has served as District Presbyter since 1935, and is well loved by fellow ministers and people in his section. He has served for several years on the Credentials Committee and other committees to which he has been assigned. At the present he is the chairman of the Campground Committee, doing a fine job. May the Lord continue to bless him and make him a blessing.



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Dr. Russell Conwell one night at prayer meeting asked if there were any tithers present who had tithed through a series of years. Seven people stood up. He asked for a testimony from each one of them in emphasis of the fact of God's faithfulness in blessing them. Six gave radiant testimonies of blessings received. The seventh was a frail, gray-haired woman, who spoke with much reluctance: "I wish I could bear such testimony, but I cannot. I have skimped and saved and denied myself through the years to keep a vow made to tithe my income. But now I am old and I am losing my position. I have no means of support. I do not know what I shall do." She sat down, and the meeting was closed in the midst of a profound and distressing chill. Next day Dr. Conwell had an invitation from Mr. John Wanamaker to dine with him. At the table Mr. Wanamaker said: "I think you will be interested to know that we are about to inaugurate a pension system for our employees. The plan has been worked out, and we are to issue our first life pension today to a woman who has served us for twenty-five years." He mentioned her name, and it was that of the woman who had given the pessimistic testimony the night before.



# STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

## Study VII, (Part One)

### THE FALL OF BABYLON

Babylon was the first of the Gentile world powers symbolized by the image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream (chap. 2). Babylon was to be succeeded by Medo-Persia. Here we read of the overthrow of Babylon; the head of gold gives place to the breast and arms of silver. The impiety of Belshazzar and the doom of Babylon are to be regarded as typifying the impiety of Antichrist and the doom of his government at the time of the end when our Lord shall be revealed from heaven (2 Thess. 1:7, 8).

Belshazzar was the last king of Babylon, but were one to say that Nabonidus was the last king he would be making a statement equally true. Nabonidus was the father of Belshazzar, and he and his son reigned conjointly. Belshazzar was never sole king. The profane historians made no reference to Belshazzar; they recorded the fact that Nabonidus was king at the time Babylon fell, that he was outside of the city at the head of his army, that he was met and worsted in battle by Cyrus, that he was taken prisoner, that his life was spared, and that he was treated with kindness and consideration by his conqueror. The critics seized upon these facts and declared that here was evidence that the book of Daniel cannot possibly have been inspired and that its history is undependable. As the profane historians agree, and are all at variance with Daniel, they must have been right and the author of Daniel must have been wrong. For many decades believers in the genuineness and authenticity of Daniel knew not what to say; they believed that some day a discovery would be made that would vindicate the authenticity of Daniel. And such a discovery was made! In 1854 Sir Henry Rawlinson, the noted archeologist, discovered among the ruins of ancient Babylon some clay cylinders that in due time were deciphered—and those clay cylinders can be seen at the present time in the British Museum—and the fact was made known that both the profane historians and Daniel were right. Nabonidus was indeed the last king of Babylon, but he

had a son named Belshazzar, and this son was associated with his father in the government of the empire at the time Babylon fell. All at once became clear. Nabonidus, as the historians have asserted, was outside of the city at the head of his army. He had evidently gone out to meet the enemy and give him battle in the open field, leaving his son, Belshazzar, at the head of affairs in the city. He had met Cyrus, and had been defeated. He had been taken prisoner, and his life had been spared. Cyrus came against the city, and when Babylon fell Belshazzar was slain. Thus has the Word of God again and again been corroborated by the discoveries that have been made. Read Isaiah 40:6-8.

As to whether Nabonidus was a direct descendant of Nebuchadnezzar is uncertain. He may have been related to him by marriage only. Evil-Merodach succeeded Nebuchadnezzar, and Nergalsharezer (otherwise known as Nergalsharezer) succeeded Evil-Merodach, and there appears to be some evidence that Nabonidus married a daughter of Nebuchadnezzar or of Evil-Merodach, and that when Nergalsharezer died he seized the throne, or was made king, possibly because the king who had died had left no son of his own. If this is true Nebuchadnezzar was Belshazzar's grandfather or great-grandfather. The records are very incomplete, and for this reason the historians have not been able to agree among themselves.

#### I. The Impious Feast

Verses 1-4. Note seven things:

1. By whom the feast was made. By Belshazzar. The fact that Nebuchadnezzar is here called his father does not prove that he was not his grandfather or great-grandfather, for there are no words in Chaldee to correspond with our words "grandfather" and "great-grandfather." Every male ancestor is spoken of in Chaldee as "father."

2. In whose honor it was made. In the honor of "a thousand of his lords."

3. What Belshazzar did. He "drank wine before the thousands."

4. The command Belshazzar gave. It was a command to bring the golden and silver vessels that had been brought by Nebuchadnezzar out of the temple

in Jerusalem. These vessels had been transferred to Babylon as trophies of the great victory Nebuchadnezzar had achieved at the time of the overthrow of Jerusalem and the destruction of the city and the temple.

5. The king's object in giving it. "That the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein."

6. The command obeyed. Verse 3.

7. The undisguised insult to Jehovah. Verse 4. Pharaoh had said to Moses and Aaron, "Who is Jehovah that I should obey His voice and let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, neither will I let Israel go" (Ex. 5:2). Jehovah demonstrated His power, and brought Israel out of Egypt, and the host of Pharaoh perished in the waters of the sea. Centuries passed by, and through the sin of the people their enemies were allowed to triumph over them, and they became captives in a strange land. Now Belshazzar, in open defiance of Jehovah, intimating that Jehovah must have been weak because He did not protect His own, and that the gods of the Babylonians must have been mightier than was Jehovah for the reason that the Babylonians had been able to triumph over Jehovah's people, drinks wine, making use of the sacred vessels that were brought from the temple in Jerusalem,—and "his princes, his wives, and his concubines" join him in so doing,—and they "praise the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." The sin was not simply a sin of sacrilege and idolatry; it was an open, and undisguised insult to Jehovah. It was in reality an insulting challenge to the God of heaven. It was a climax of wickedness that indicated that Babylon's cup of iniquity was full.

#### II. The Divine Intrusion, or, the Hand-writing on the Wall

Verse 5. It was "over against the candlestick," where the light shone clearly upon the wall, and the writing would be the most clearly discernible, that "the fingers of a man's hand" wrote. And it is stated that "the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." It would have been terrifying had an angel appeared, or had a whole arm, or hand, appeared, but there appeared simply the "fingers of a man's hand," a "part of the hand."

#### III. The King in Terror

Verses 6-9. Nebuchadnezzar "saw a dream" and it made him afraid (4:5);

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# News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

**BOONVILLE**—The Lake and Mendocino District fellowship meeting was held there August 14 at which time a real time of refreshing from the Lord was enjoyed, and two were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Sister Grace Badder of Upper Lake was the afternoon speaker. Raymond P. Murray of Ukiah brought the evening message. Donald W. Morrow is the pastor.

**CENTRAL VALLEY**—Brother Joe H. Harper, until recently of the West Texas District, is the new pastor.

**COVELO**—Verne Graham has become the pastor there, following the resignation of Paul R. Keeth.

**FORT BRAGG**—L. F. Wilson, J. A. Westfall, and Raymond Murray were the speakers at the fellowship meeting of the Lake and Mendocino district held there July 10. E. Paul Johnson is the pastor.

**FORTUNA**—Joseph L. Thomas has resigned as pastor there. J. W. Stovall is the new pastor.

**GRASS VALLEY**—Evangelist M. T. Draper began a meeting with Pastor W. A. McBride August 22.

**HALF MOON BAY**—Brother Otto Schmidt has resigned there to accept the pastorate of the Martinez church.

**HAPPY CAMP**—There comes a good report of the Daily Vacation Bible School held recently with 51 enrolled. Evangelist W. C. Robinson is assisting Pastor E. W. Knutson at the present.

**HAYWARD**—Evangelist Robert Pirtle supplied the pulpit there while Pastor J. E. Stiles was on leave of absence.

**LINCOLN**—A home-coming and fellowship day is planned for Sunday, September 3, when many former members and pastors are expected to be present.

**LIVE OAK**—Following a time of "growth and expansion . . . and almost continuous revival" Mrs. W. S. Wheeler, the church secretary, reports that an addition has been made to the building to accommodate the Sunday evening crowd. Sliding doors permit the use of the addition for Sunday School rooms. In a recent Sunday School contest the attendance rose to 318. Brother and Sister B. H. Givens are the pastors.

**LIVINGSTON**—Evangelist J. L. Jeffrey from Arizona conducted a meeting which lasted three and a half weeks. During that time, Pastor J. C. Gaither reports that 23 were saved, one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and 11 obeyed the Lord in water baptism.

**LOWER LAKE**—Fred W. Pagel is the new pastor following Brother J. A. Westfall who has gone to Calpella.

**MADERA**—At the time of this writing the camp meeting being held there is a fine success, the neighboring assemblies are taking part, and the Lord is working in the midst. T. E. Woods is the pastor.

**MARTINEZ**—Otto Schmidt has been elected pastor there to succeed Brother A. B. Gee who has resigned some weeks previously.

**MIDDLETOWN**—Lyle W. Carsaw is the new pastor there.

**MORGAN HILL**—Pastor Elmer Stump reports that "July 24 was a great day of fellowship . . . The Spirit of the Lord was manifest in a very precious way . . . E. C. Lagmay spoke in the ministers' meeting. Pastor Chas. Coffey of Seaside brought the afternoon message. Brother Stanley Walsh was the evening speaker. A good altar service followed. Four received the baptism of the Holy Ghost." Pastor Thomas Simms of Monterey was elected C. A. Sectional Chairman, to succeed Stanley Walsh who is entering evangelistic work.

**NEVADA CITY**—Evangelist Marcus Gaston and wife conducted a revival meeting for Pastor Wesley Steelberg in August.

**NORTH SACRAMENTO (Faith Tabernacle)**—Richard Fulmer has resigned the pastorate there to become the pastor in St. Helena.

**NORTH SACRAMENTO (Friendly Church)**—Brother Sylvia F. Hutchinson, until recently of the Arkansas District, has been appointed by the District Superintendent to be pastor there.

**OAKLAND (Tabernacle of God)**—Evangelist Paul Pipkin held a good meeting for Pastor O. L. Foth beginning the latter part of July.

**OAKLAND (Temple Church)**—While Pastor and Mrs. E. Wm. Anderson were on vacation, Evangelist Amelia Joseph supplied the pulpit.

**OROVILLE**—Evangelists Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman supplied the pulpit for Pastor Morse Hammond while he was away on vacation.

**PALO ALTO (Glad Tidings)**—Claude O. Wood has resigned the pastorate there to go to Oregon.

**PATTERSON**—Pastor Henry C. Vancil reports "a very successful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Marcus Gaston. One was saved, others reclaimed, and the whole church stirred to a closer walk with God. . . . Their ministry in song was also a blessing to us." Sister Ina Rae Vancil conducted a successful Daily Vacation Bible School there in June. Attendance ran high, and there were many children from other churches.

**PLACERVILLE**—The South Sacramento District fellowship meeting was held there August 14. Wesley P. Steelberg of Nevada City spoke in the afternoon. The evening speaker was Emil Balliet of Minneapolis. Clarence R. Peterson is the new pastor, beginning September 9, following Emmy Pearson, who has resigned.

**REDDING**—Maurice Luce of Auburn was the superintendent of the Bible studies at the Summer Camp for children which the

Redding Assembly conducted on Hat Creek in Lassen Park in July. Over fifty were in attendance, and the meeting was a success spiritually as many of the young people were touched of the Lord, about 12 being filled with the Holy Spirit. R. T. Doherty is the pastor.

**SACRAMENTO (Bethel)**—Emil Balliet of Minnesota conducted special services there from August 13 to 20. Pastor Floyd Hawkins of Fresno was guest speaker August 25 and 27. Marcus Gaston will act as supply pastor while his father, W. T. Gaston, is in Springfield at the General Presbyters' meeting.

**SALINAS**—Evangelists Clarence Smith and Oscar Rogers held a good meeting for Pastor Louis Weston in August.

**SAN BRUNO**—Brother George Frey is the new pastor there.

**SAN CARLOS**—Donald K. Skaggs, pastor of the East Palo Community Church, held a week's meeting for Pastor Arthur Lindvall in July.

**SANTA CRUZ**—A very good meeting was held there during July by Evangelist M. T. Draper, many being touched of the Lord in soul and body. Prior to these meetings, the Boardman Sisters conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks with very good results. The average attendance was over 50. Several definite conversions among the children, and one received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. A. J. Ruedger is the pastor.

**SHERIDAN**—Pastors Louella Nathan and Elsie Metz write: "We praise God for what He has done here . . . saving souls, filling them with the Holy Spirit, backsliders reclaimed. . . . Open air meetings are being held on account of crowds, also Vacation Bible School."

**SOLEDAD**—E. C. Lagmay, president of the Filipino Assemblies of God, held a three-weeks campaign there. The crowds were the largest they have ever had, the church being filled to overflowing on three occasions. Souls were at the altar for salvation. Pastor Stanley Walsh has resigned to go into evangelistic work.

**ST. HELENA**—Richard Fulmer is the new pastor, succeeding Brother Robert Carington who goes into full-time service as C. A. President, September 1.

**STOCKTON**—From July 31 to August 11, Pastor and Mrs. Cecil Robeck of Sausalito conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School at Calvary Tabernacle. The average attendance was 102, with the largest attendance being 121. As a result of the school, a number of children were saved in the Sunday School classes, as well as during the Decision Day service held the last day. E. O. Robeck is the pastor.

**SUNNYVALE**—Brother J. H. Carver has resigned as pastor there.

**TUOLUMNE**—The North San Joaquin  
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# Beware -

by R. H. MOON

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Our text says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Know whom? The preceding verse shows of whom the Lord



R. H. Moon

is here speaking. It is the false prophets. Most assuredly they shall be known by their fruits. But someone calls attention to the ministry of these false prophets, and reminds us that

crowds attend their meetings, their altars are full, and many seem to get through a real experience in God. True.

But is this apparent approval of the messenger due solely to the messenger? Is God honoring the false prophet, or are there some other forces at work here? We think it is the latter, and in proof of this we submit five reasons for our belief. Always remember that God's blessings are not always evidence of His approval.

Five is the number symbolic of God's wondrous grace. In these five reasons we may see God's grace at work, not because of, but in spite of the messenger.

(1) God is honoring His word. This God will do even though His word be in the mouth of a sinner. Should one give a promissory note to pay a certain sum at a certain date, he would have to pay that note even though, by the time of maturity, that note was held by his worst enemy. Even so, if God's word is in the mouth of the devil, yet God would have to honor His word. (2) God will help a hungry heart even though the messenger be impure. God is not going to penalize a hungry heart, so that he can not get through to God, just because the man in the pulpit is not right. (3) Usually such large crowds are composed of honest, praying people, even though, for the time being, they may be deceived by this particular false prophet. It is these sincere praying people whom God is honoring, and not the false prophet yonder in the pulpit. (4) Always in large crowds that attend such meetings, there is a lilt and lift that carry people along on the crest of the tide till eventually they find themselves at the altar, and are counted to the credit of the speaker of the occasion. (5) There

is the build-up of faith. Despite all evidences to the contrary, oftentimes the seeker has been standing on God's Word for a long time previous to the deliverance. Perhaps also a company of believing saints or an entire assembly has been standing on the promises for this loved one's deliverance. Finally faith has been built up to such a place that God can work, and He does work, despite the messenger. "He sent His word, and healed them" (Psalm 107:20).

Paul perceived that such a time had come in the life of the impotent man at Lystra (Acts 14:8-10). It was not Paul's faith that healed this man. It was the man's faith. "He had faith to be healed" (verse 9). The language used here indicates that the man's faith was steadily being built up. While the man "heard Paul speak" over a period of time, Paul, on his part, "steadfastly beholding him, perceived." At the right moment Paul gave the command, and the work was done. Now, the crowd, as always, gave Paul the credit for this miracle (verse 11). But, unlike many modern evangelists, Paul refused to take the credit (verses 14-15).

Scripture informs us that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19-20). Jesus says further that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst" (Matt. 18:20). Multiply that two or three, by one thousand, into an audience of, say, three thousand saints in whom the Holy Ghost is abiding, and in the midst of whom Jesus is present. This brings about an atmosphere in which even a wooden man in the pulpit may get results. The crowd gives all the credit to the preacher, when, in God's sight, little credit is due him, but belongs to that believing multitude of saints in the pews.

But the Lord Himself has told us that precisely these same signs would follow these false prophets (Matt. 7:22-23). It is always safe to remember that these false ones come to you in sheep's clothing (Matt 7:15). They are far too clever to let their wolf nature be revealed until forced to do so by some true shepherd of the flock (John 10:12-13; Acts 20:29-30). Invariably they pose as angels of light (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Be sure to look for the wolf under that

sheep's clothing, and the angel of darkness behind that pose of light.

This is one of the signs of the end days that are now on us. How then shall we know them by their fruits? By the simple expedient of allowing the fruit time to get ripe. Someone has said, "There is a time for everything in the universe to get ripe. All thoughts, words, prayers, actions, providences, opportunities, blessings, spiritual exercises, divine revelations, all avocations, all dispensations, whether in nature, grace or glory, have a time in which they get ripe: and to go slow with God is the heavenly pace that gathers up all things at the time they are ripe. What can be greater than to see God work, or to hear Him speak? AND WE MISS BOTH BY NOT GOING SLOW."

"Though the mills of God grind slowly,  
Yet they grind exceeding small;  
Though with patience He stands waiting,  
With exactness grinds He all."

Do not accept things religious the first time you come in contact with them merely because they look good. All is not gold that glitters. Wait, wait I say, on God; give the thing time to develop, and sooner or later something will show up that will reveal the falsity, if falsity be there. Always bear in mind that the gifts are given immediately, while the fruit must grow, and that gifts are subject to the human spirit, while fruit comes only through constant abiding in the Holy Spirit.

Because the gifts of the Spirit are given so lavishly by the great Giver of every good and perfect gift, some are inclined not to value them so highly as they ought. There is danger here of using them foolishly, and of bringing reproach upon this teaching. On the other hand, fruit costs, oftentimes, suffering. It is accordingly apt to be valued much more highly. However both the gifts and the fruit are of equal value in God's sight, and should be so considered and used by the believer. When this is done, our testimony becomes a glory to God and a blessing to others, as well as ourselves.

It is noteworthy that after quoting the nine component parts of the "fruit of the Spirit" in Gal. 5:22-23, the Word states that "against such there is no law." We may go as far as we please with the fruit, for there is no law here. But with the gifts there are many rules,



regulations and commandments governing their use. The 12th to 14th chapters of first Corinthians abound with these. This is because the gifts are subject to human control, and therefore in need of checks, while the fruit is subject to divine control only. Again, the gifts may be given to babes in Christ, as they evidently were in Corinth (1 Cor. 1:7 and 3:1). The babe needs these rules and regulations, for his fruit has not yet sufficiently developed to check and counterbalance his gifts.

We close with these words, "Beloved, seeing ye know these things before, BEWARE lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness."

### New Lightning Calculator

Navy mathematical problems were simplified when a new lightning calculator, electrically controlled, was completed by International Business Machines Corp. The device is the brain child of Com. Howard H. Aiken, USNR.

In a few hours the machine, now at Harvard University for Navy use, can dispose of logarithms and other intricate mathematical problems which previously took groups of mathematicians three and four days to do.

Greatest advantage of the machine, 51 ft. long and eight ft. high, is that it will quickly work out astronomical equations never before solved, and will eliminate work of many mathematicians.

The man who preaches the Word will not be obliged to take it all back in later years.

### Christian Work

The work is manifold that every believer may find his adaptation.

The work is committed to all that none may feel left out.

The work is one that all may be united in co-operation.

The work is responsible and therefore no one can shirk duty.

The work of each is necessary and no one can with impunity neglect it.

The work is distributed by the Spirit, hence no room for envy or discontent.

The work is God's work through us, and hence no ground for pride or despair.

—A. T. Pierson.

### Service Men's Work

On the San Francisco water front where our Army and Navy Transports and Merchant Marine ships are constantly going and coming from the battle fronts there are thousands of young men in the service of our country. So I felt that God would have me visit these Merchant Marine ships that do not have chaplains aboard.

Having been a seaman at one time, myself, with the Army Transport Service, I know that these boys need the Lord; for their program consists of gambling, liquor, and the telling of filthy stories. I inquired of an old colporteur, O. Zimmerman of the Seamen's Institute, about the water front, whether or not I could get on these boats. I was told that it has been closed for three years, and that a Catholic chaplain wants it that way. But the door that to all outward appearance was shut, God opened, and I was able to get on board and do personal work with the boys, and leave them gospel literature.

It was suggested to me by one of the guards that I try to get an identification card from the Coast Guard. I obtained one, and this enables me to get by many a guard who otherwise would not care to pass me.

I met a young Navy boy and supplied him with literature for the gunners. He said, "That is just what we needed as we invaded Saipan."

From airplane carriers down to small Coast Guard boats *Reveillés* and gospel tracts were distributed.

—Victor A. Sanderson.

### Opportunity

Pastors, C.A. Presidents, take an opportunity and give an opportunity. Students of Glad Tidings Bible Institute are available to come to your church, and help in your services. Groups will be sent out to meet the desired need. Available are two male quartets, a girls' trio, and other musical groups, vocal and instrumental. These young people may well be an inspiration and blessing in your midst. If you are interested in securing a group for a service, write to the Practical Work Department, in care of Brother Gaylord Atwell. They will be happy to go anywhere in the Bay area and other places near by.

May God send to our churches lifters instead of drifters.

### Camp Meeting

A fine sectional camp meeting was held in Madera from August 13 to 27 in a 60 x 100 foot tent erected beside the church there. The pastor, and Presbyter of the South San Joaquin district, Brother T. E. Woods, and the other brethren of that section, all worked together to make it a time of fellowship and blessing. All the pastors of the section were speakers at various times in the afternoon meetings. The first week, Evangelist Earl Davis was the morning speaker, and Evangelist E. C. Lagmay was the evening speaker. The second week, the order was reversed. Brother R. J. Thurmond was the morning speaker during the last week end.

The meetings were blessed of the Lord from beginning to end. Many were touched in body and soul, and a real opportunity to witness to the community was aorded.

### United Youth Crusade

Evangelist Paul Pipkin opened a Youth Crusade for the young people of San Mateo County on July 4 in a patriotic rally held in Flood Park, near Palo Alto. The rest of the week, with the exception of Saturday night when a fagot service was held out of doors, the services were held in the Redwood City Full Gospel Church. The blessing of the Lord was outpoured on the meetings. Fifteen were personally dealt with for salvation, and two were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Cooperating pastors in this effort were E. R. Gomes of Redwood City, Arthur Lindwell of San Carlos, E. V. Jennison of Menlo Park, and Donald Skaggs of East Palo Alto.

At the last monthly Sequoia High Youth Rally, held in the San Carlos City Hall on July 31, Brother Pipkin was again the speaker. Seventeen raised their hands for salvation. It is hoped that it will be possible to start a Bible club in the Sequoia Union High School this fall semester, to establish young Christians, and to get them started in doing personal work among their classmates.

DONALD SKAGGS.

"Impossible" is a hopeful word, for it is a direct invitation to let God in.

Whenever we are in the wrong place, our right place is empty.



# District Council News

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## Concluding Superintendent's Letter

of R. J. THURMOND

Just a word of thanks for your fine fellowship, your many prayers, and the love you have shown during the two years and nine months I have served as your District Superintendent. I shall always cherish fond memories of the honor and esteem shown, and of the association I have had with Brother Renfroe as secretary-treasurer. I expect to continue to do my little part in whatever capacity that falls my lot in behalf of the work of His great kingdom.

Our District work must go forward, and I count it a privilege to serve with Brother Gaston in the continued interest of our beloved District. I covet for him your same faithful cooperation; and we pledge together to serve you in every way we possibly can to make your ministry prosperous and blessed of God to His praise and glory.

August has been a busy closing month of my superintendent's activities, with much left to be done; but I am turning over the many calls, pastoral changes, and problems to Brother Gaston, and going back into the detail of the Secretary-Treasurer's office coveting your prayers and continued faithful cooperation in the building up of our District work.

Mrs. Thurmond joins me in wishing all of you God's best, and giving assurance of our prayers for a Holy Ghost ministry of Pentecostal power and anointing.

God bless each one of you.

In His dear name,

R. J. T.

## New Caretaker

The Campground Committee announces that Brother and Sister Paul B. Couchman are the new campground caretaker and matron beginning September 1.

## Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

Sept. 4—Janesville, Modesto, San Leandro  
11 San Francisco (Calvary), Willits  
18—Los Banos, Petaluma  
25—Salinas, Willows

## Superintendent's Home

A home has been purchased at 5200 Coronado Avenue, Oakland, for the residence of Superintendent W. T. Gaston. He plans to move into it just as soon after September 1 as it is possible for the present tenants to find another location to move to. We trust that there will not be any undue delay. Pray with us to that end.

The location is the same as 52nd and Broadway, but is one block west of Broadway. It is very centrally located, being easy to reach by automobile or by street cars going out Broadway. It is only about 16 blocks from Brother Thurmond's home which is located just north of MacArthur Boulevard on Fairmont Avenue, corner of El Dorado Avenue. Fairmont Avenue crosses MacArthur just two blocks east of Broadway.

Additional contributions for Brother and Sister Leif Erickson:

Brother and Sister Hoole,	
Colusa .....	\$10.00
J. E. Lilienthal, Salida ....	3.50
Mrs. T. S. Gapen, Concord	3.00
Glad Tidings W.M.C. ....	10.00
J. N. Gortner .....	5.00
H. S. Lehmann, Oakland ..	10.00
Bethel Tabernacle, Oakland	50.00
Bethel Temple, Sacramento	25.00

"He that neither coveteth to please men, nor feareth to displease them, shall enjoy much peace."—*Thomas a Kempis.*

## God Bless You

It is with mingled emotions that I step out of the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the District. There was a feeling of blessed relief when I closed the books for the last time a few days ago . . . no more poring over columns of figures to see if they will balance . . . no more monthly financial reports . . . no more sitting at a desk receipting money when one would rather be in the study delving into the Word and formulating messages to be delivered from a pulpit somewhere . . . the keen anticipation of a good congregation to shepherd and care for instead of the responsibility of a lot of cash, coin, and records.

On the other hand there is the realization of a severing of pleasant associations and regular contacts with friends all over the District. We have greatly appreciated the host of friends who have taken the time to write and express their well wishes for us and our future ministry.

As we step out of office, it is with a prayer on our hearts that God's richest blessings shall rest upon you and that He shall spiritually prosper our great district under its present leadership.

R. J. RENFROE.

## Attention! W. M. C. Groups

If you can supply any of the following articles for the Indian Bible School at Blue Lake, please advise Brother B. T. Bard, Blue Lake, California as soon as possible. The school is to open September 15. Your help is greatly needed, and will be greatly appreciated. The need:

- 8 pairs curtains, 2½ yards long
- 18 single bed sheets
- 12 pairs pillow cases
- 12 medium-size pillows
- 18 sheet blankets
- 6 dresser scarves
- 12 bath towels and wash cloths
- 9 kitchen aprons
- 4 double bed sheets
- 2 pairs pillow cases

—Mrs. R. J. T.



## Here and There

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District fellowship meeting was held there August 7. Everyone enjoyed a good day of fellowship. Harry Oeth is the pastor.

UPPER LAKE—Sister Ella Beare is with Sister Grace Badder in the work there.

VALLEJO (Chabot Terrace)—During the six weeks meetings with Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider, 12,000 announcement cards were distributed. The young people, pastor, and the evangelist, did extensive house-to-house canvassing. The meetings were very well attended, with over-flow crowds on Sundays, and several hundred strangers visited the services. The Sunday School attendance now averages 160.

WEED—Pastor Kenneth Jillson has resigned, ending his ministry there September 10.

WEOTT—The Light Bearers Quartette reports a precious day of fellowship August 7 as the Redwood District fellowship meeting was held there.

WILLITS—On Sunday, July 23, a blessed water baptism service was held. Seven young ladies, who had all previously received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, were baptized by Pastor L. F. Wilson.

YREKA—Evangelists Mildred Howard and Hazel Youngman held a good meeting recently for Pastor W. Cornish Jones.

### Personal Mention

Evangelist and Mrs. WM. D. SWANSON began a campaign in Seattle, Wash., August 27.

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Evangelist and Mrs. R. B. HAVNER held a revival campaign in Mountain View, Mo., in July. They enjoyed visiting with and hearing Brother T. J. JONES at the Arkansas Camp Meeting at Eureka Springs, Ark.

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Brother GORDON LINDSAY, who has been doing evangelistic work in our District for some time, is now the pastor of the church in Ashland, Oregon.

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Evangelist and Mrs. RUSSELL E. PRATT began a meeting August 1 in Brooksville, Florida.

### New Arrival

John Curtis came to make his home with his parents, Pastor and Mrs. George Kiser, arriving in Susanville, August 14.

Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Cornish Jones (nee Margaret Renfroe) of Yreka welcomed into their home little Donald Cornish, born August 29.

## Mother Tither

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among his church acquaintances, he goes every day preaching the gospel of the tenth. "It is the first principle of my business," he says. "If my mother could tithe under the conditions of poverty through which she lived, anyone on earth can do it."

The Christmas gifts for the family might be purchased with Octagon soap wrappers but Lillie Yates tithed her eggs and vegetables. The cyclone might wipe out what the fire and drought had left, but Lillie Yates tithed. Her education included no college degrees, but she was always proud of the fact that her ability to "do decimals" enabled her to figure out ten per cent and then add some more to it as a "special offering."

As the scores of typewriters click and the hundreds of salesmen and clients go in and out of the expansive offices of the big insurance agency, the door of John Yates' private office is always open to his pastor. No matter how important the conference may be in which he is engaged he stops everything to see his preacher.

He has taught Sunday School classes that have numbered up into hundreds of members, and he has held every office within the local church. The junior partner in the firm of John W. Yates and Company owes it all, he says, to the fact that his mother was a tither. Her devotion to that principle has marked him for life.

Other mothers might do that too!

—*The Herald of Light and Zion's Watchman.*

### Palestine's Glass Works

Jewish cooperative contractors purchased a glass manufacturing plant in Haifa, Palestine, and are manufacturing window glass for the first time in Palestine. The venture is growing into an extensive industry. A Lithuanian Jew originally built the plant at a cost of £60,000, and it is the only glass works in the Middle East.

—*The Jew and Palestine News.*

There is no part of man's nature which the gospel does not purify, no relation of his life which it does not hallow.

## Why Go to Church?

You ask me why I go to church?  
I give my mind a careful search,  
Because I need to breathe the air  
Where there's an atmosphere of prayer;  
I need the hymns the churches sing,  
They set my faith and hope a-swing,  
They keep old truths in memory green,  
Reveal the worth of things unseen.

Because my neighbor needs to go,  
His faith in right is rather low;  
He needs the church to hold him fast  
To those great truths that always last;  
And when he sees me on the way,  
It draws him to the church to pray  
And both our hearts are lifted up  
To heavenly places where we sup.

Because my boy is watching me  
To note whatever he can see  
That tells him what his father thinks  
And with his eager soul he drinks  
The things I do in daily walk,  
The things I do in daily talk;  
If I with him the church will share,  
My son will make his friendship there.

Because the church builds up the state  
Breaks down the barriers of hate,  
And helps to spread unselfish life,  
Allay all bickering and strife;  
Sustains a wholesome public health  
And builds a righteous commonwealth—  
A joyous place in which to live—  
With all the blessings God can give.

### Russia and Marriage

"When Russia Tried Free Love" appeared as an article in the *Magazine Digest* of recent issue.

The author points out that the idea of the early Communists was that women belong to nobody, that they should have complete economic, social, and sexual freedom, and that marriage was a "bourgeois invention." Marriage became a simple matter of registering at the registry office; next day they could register a divorce. The number of legal abortions was enormous. And was everybody happy? Was everything a paradise? No, it was not. Stalin's new family code became law in 1936, and now the government, the Communist party and the Soviet press, unite to preach the importance of family life.

From their experience, the Russians have learned that, to survive, a community must be built on the home and the family.



# Christ's Ambassadors

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## It Might Have Been

by PAUL PIPKIN

1 Samuel 26:21—"Then said Saul . . .  
behold I have played the fool."  
No more! Too late! Farewell!!

Gloomier, drearier, sadder words have never been coined. These doleful words are not intended only for those who have failed, but also for those who have succeeded after a fashion, but know they have not done their best.

Think of the old man of Luke 16, rich, sinful, powerful, who sinks into his grave, leaving millions behind him to be squandered by his heirs while worms eat his body, and in hell he thinks with bitterness, "Too late . . . It might have been." It might have been life instead of death, bliss instead of torment, paradise instead of fire and demons.

Napoleon Bonaparte, prisoner of the British on the lonely island of St. Helena, ulcers eating his stomach, bitter regret devouring his heart, must have realized in some sad hour "what might have been." His hopeless despair was great.

He that would express power in one word turned to the name "Bonaparte." Think what the name might have meant, had the commander and ruler of surpassing genius devoted his powers to making the millions of people happy instead of concentrating on less useful tasks of making kings ridiculous.

He who feels the pangs of remorse the greater is not he who lacks driving power to succeed through lack of a strong thyroid gland or of the coordination of the mysterious endocrine system, nor those who live in remote corners of this globe who never once in their lives have heard of this glorious gospel.

The real disgrace and remorse, brought about by the eternal judgments of a holy, righteous God, will be felt by the men and women who possessed mental equipment, heredity, and Christian environment which afforded them every possible opportunity to prepare to meet their Creator, and to be a success

in service for God, but die, not having done their best in redeeming these opportunities.

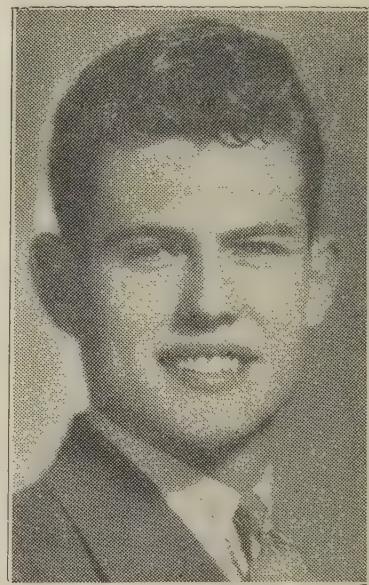
Think of God's creating the garden of Eden. No hospitals, morgues, or cemeteries there. No heartache or pain. Ah! but years have passed by now, and a wall of darkness has been raised. Written across it are these mournful words, "It might still have been." But sin has blasted and made bitter all that was sweet, brought tears to mother's eyes, doomed angels and men to the lowest hell until this world today is aflame with hate, like an erupted volcano belching forth death and chaos over helpless humanity.

Millions will feel a tightening of the heart and will be seized with remorse when they are overwhelmed by the shadows of death, the "figure of destiny." Comfort cannot be found in thinking we are only creatures of a moment, microscopic human microbes living on a grain of dust called the earth. Think not it matters little what tiny beings may do on this planet.

God has a real purpose for every one of you. *"Repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."* *"Go ye into all the world . . . teach all nations . . ."* Here is God's purpose for your life.

Of "tomorrows" only a few are left. Then man will stand face to face with God, and his shortcomings and failures. Then "it might have been" will loom as tall as the sky. Millions of drunkards, dope fiends, harlots, slothful spiritual sluggards, on that dreadful day of judgment will fall on their knees begging for time to live life over again, but only to be refused. Too late!

Too late! Death, the "figure of destiny," marches on. Behold that parade of willful transgressors already caught in his tentacles: Saul, Balaam, Judas, Pilate, Herod, Absalom, all screaming at the judgment, "Too late—It might have



Paul Pipkin

been different—I have played the fool!"  
Lost!

Have you gone "all out" in your consecration for God? Have you been doing what you could in prayer, Bible reading, and witnessing for the Lord? Will above your bank account or unused energy for God be written "It might have been"? "Too late"? Remember this, your abilities and opportunities will measure your responsibility in eternity! As we face life with all of its sorrows and joys, may we say with the writer of this beloved old hymn,

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

"Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

"Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee."

If we C.A.'s would budget our time faithfully for a deep consecration as penned in this hymn, it would never be necessary to write an advertisement in the paper as Horace Mann once in  
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## Practical Work Department

There is practically no limit to the possibilities offered at Glad Tidings Bible Institute for students to work for God. The school not only offers a very excellent course, each subject handled by competent and experienced teachers, but also gives the student an opportunity to "launch out," so to speak, and get experience while in school that will aid him in the future in active ministry.

Every student is encouraged by our Practical Work Department to make use of each chance to gain experience in every phase of Christian work in order to better prepare himself for the calling of God. It is true that these departments, in conjunction with the entire school program, has set its standards high; but the higher the standards, the better the work. And the kingdom of God will receive the glory.

The school, itself, is situated in a district that demands much personal work and contact with men and women who really need God. Here, as well as in many other places in the city, the students discover what a blessing can be received by distributing tracts. Even in such a seemingly small detail, much prayer is necessary if the work is to be effective.

Many of the students come from small towns where they have never encountered a "skid-row." San Francisco has a large one, and located in the heart of this section is a small mission maintained by the Temple and Institute.

Here the students take charge of the evening services, leading song service and testimonies, bring special musical numbers, and proclaiming the Word of God. Many blessings are experienced and the heart is made glad to see the ungodly come to the altar seeking God for forgiveness of sin and salvation.

Another new event for some is attending jail service on Sunday mornings. This assignment also brings much blessing, both to those confined and to those declaring the gospel.

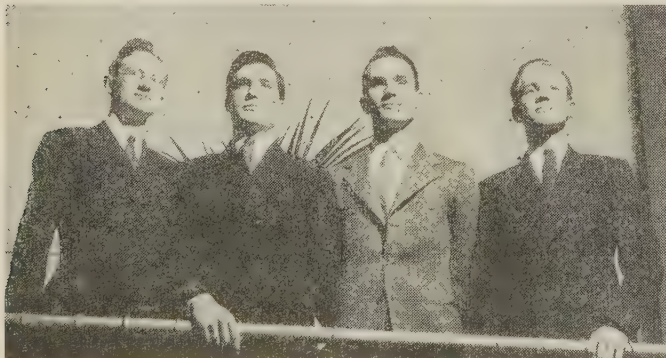
The Sunday School of the Temple urges the students to teach classes. This offers an opportunity to become acquainted with the manner in which a Sunday School is conducted, and also give them a better knowledge of how to deal with children.

Music groups visit various churches in the Bay area, and either take charge of the evening services or participate in presenting special music.

These are only some of the many privileges extended to the students. If you are interested in attending a school where you may have practical experience along with Bible study, here is your opportunity. Send for our catalog and enroll now.

BARBARA MILDON.

Prayer is not a device for getting our wills done through heaven, but a desire that God's will may be done on earth through us.



The Ambassadors Quartet

Left to right: . . . . .

Russel Umphenour,

Pete North,

Ray Boyd,

Harry Balch

A sentence taken from one of Mrs. Wesley's letters to John Wesley, when he was in college:

"Would you judge of the lawfulness of a pleasure, take this rule: Whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things; whatever increases the authority of your body over your mind—that thing, to you, is sin."

## It Might Have Been

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sented, "Lost somewhere between sunrise and sunset two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever."

We must find what comfort we can in the fact that it is never absolutely "too late" while life remains. Redeeming the time is still possible. There is yet hope and the possibility of great usefulness for you. Let us make tonight's prayer meeting the best. Let us make the most out of every hour of every day for God. My utmost for His highest.

For soon with flaming clouds, millions of angels attending, our Lord descending, the skies will echo with the blasting of trumpets, the heavens will vibrate with shoutings of the redeemed, resurrected saints ascending, the living ones rejoicing, caught up together in that glad reunion, the Wedding in the air!

Then, instead of these tragic and mournful words, 'it might have been,' it will be the triumphant declaration with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith; henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of life, and not for me only, but for all them that believe on His name."

"Laborers of Christ, arise,  
Take all your gifts divine;  
The gifts provided from the skies  
Fulfill the Lord's design.

"Go where the sick recline,  
Where mourning hearts deplore;  
And where the sons of sorrow pine,  
Dispense your hallowed store."

—Selected.

Only through great need is a strong faith achieved.



# Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative  
Morgan Hill, California

## Suggestions for Sunday School Activity:

The statement has been made that "busy hands are kept out of mischief." Because our Sunday Schools are not only dealing with hands and feet, but also the mind and heart, let us conclude, "an active Christian, is a healthy one!"

Unless in my teaching of the Word, I have provided or pointed out a way for the members of my class to *live* what I teach; or if what I teach is not becoming "life" in and through my pupils, I have utterly failed as a teacher, and the gospel has been made as useful as a fairy story.

What a pupil "says" in expressing himself concerning the lesson is valuable, but what a pupil "does" with the lesson is the peak of importance!

The pupil will retain ninety per cent of what he does pertaining to the lesson taught. Ninety per cent of that lesson becomes life tissue—that is success!

Therefore, into the preparation of every lesson should go the provision for activity to make that lesson "live." If you are teaching soul winning, provide some activity that will encourage soul winning. Let's have a picnic or a social gathering wherein the class selects and invites two or three unsaved friends for the purpose of winning them to Christ. Make provision for your class to gather for special prayer for results before the picnic date arrives. Provide special prayer reminders a week ahead to encourage the pupils' interest and faith for the salvation of those they have invited. Teach them to expect results! Arrange the picnic or gathering to impress the unsaved friends and so on.

Perhaps your Sunday School would be interested in preparing a "Gospel Window." This provides activity as well as advertising.

Secure the use of an empty display window from one of the store buildings in your town or city and appoint one of the classes of your Sunday School to work out the gospel display for one week, and another class for the following week and so on. The Sunday

School lesson, or lesson thought, might well be worked out in object or picture form for a display.

One of our Sunday Schools had a contest to see who could bring in the largest Bible, the smallest Bible, the oldest Bible, Bibles in foreign languages, the Bible that showed the most use, and the Bible with the most outstanding experience. The results of this contest was made up into a very interesting window display along with an invitation to the public to attend Sunday School.

Lessons on missions always afford activity. A mission scrap book,—or a missionary bulletin board, are interesting possibilities; missionary correspondence is good.

What about reading material? Are you teaching your pupils the dangers of impure literature? If so, some action also should be taken to provide the kind of reading material that is good, and to create an interest in it!

Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 12:13 "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Notice that the inward attribute is linked with outward action. Practical Christian living is vital today. With God's help, let's promote it!

## With God, All Things Are Possible

Just a lunch, a boy, and Jesus,  
And the multitudes were fed.  
Just a rod, and God, and Moses,  
And the Israelites were led.  
Just some oil and empty vessels  
And a widow who obeyed,  
The God that made the promise,  
And lo! the threatening debt was paid.  
Just a Dorcas and a needle,  
Just a David with a sling,  
With the God of all the ages;  
What's the answer? Anything!

—B.M.

Lighthouses don't ring bells and fire guns to call attention to their light—they just shine.

## BOYS AND GIRLS

### Where Am I, and What Is My Name?

1. I am a Bible character, and I am in a large enclosed boat with but one window and one door. I am the oldest son of my father who is also in this boat.

2. I am a Bible character and I'm in a place that I have never been before and will never be again. There are wild animals all around me, but I am not afraid. I am here because wicked men put me here; I am not alone, for God has sent an angel to be with me.

3. I am told of in the Bible. I am a prisoner. I was sold as a slave before being sent to prison. I have been here two full years because some one lied about me. I have gotten along so well with the jailer, however, that he often goes away and leaves me in charge of all the prisoners. Sometime soon God will make a way for me to get out of prison and even be an important man to the king.

4. I am a woman of the Bible, and I'm attending a wedding feast. The wine for the feast is gone, there is no more, but next to me sits a young man with great power. I have just told the servants to do whatever the young man tells them to do. I believe He will even turn water into wine.

5. I am an animal of the Bible. There is a man on my back who has been mistreating me. God gave me a voice, so I spoke to my master and asked him why he was beating me. An angel stands in the path before me so that I cannot go on. Maybe that is why I am being beaten.

## A White Lie

A little white lie started out one day  
To see what it could do;  
It caused all the trouble and mischief it  
could  
And it worked the whole day through.

It entered the heart of a Junior boy,  
Who was happy and sweet and gay;  
It made a mother's face grow sad,  
And it ruined a happy day.

And when it returned to its home that  
night

With its pack hung over its back,  
You would never have known the little  
white lie,

It was ugly, and big, and black.

—Helen M. Bowman in  
*Sunshine Bulletin.*



## Daniel

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Belshazzar saw something more terrifying than a dream. He was not asleep; he was awake. He was in the midst of drunken revelry, and open defiance of the God of heaven; the midnight hour was approaching, or it may have already arrived. Look! The "fingers of a man's hand"! What are they doing? They are writing "over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall"! An unseen power, the power of that Jehovah who has been openly defied and insulted, the Jehovah of the destroyed temple in Jerusalem, the Jehovah of the captive Jews, the Lord of the whole earth, the living God, the *only* God, is guiding "the part of the hand" that writes. Is it any wonder that we read that "the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another"? It is interesting to look at Isaiah 45:1, where we have a notable prophecy of Cyrus who is called the Lord's "anointed," and concerning whom the Lord says, "I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates." Cyrus was not yet born. More than a century was to pass by before his birth. But God who can always see the end from the beginning, and with whom all events occur in "an eternal now," decreeing that Cyrus should be born, and that he should take Babylon, moved Isaiah to thus prophecy. It is an historical fact, as recorded by the profane historians who knew nothing of this prophecy, that the two-leaved gates, as described by Herodotus, were left open to enter the city unchallenged by the Babylonians. God knew, too, what until a few years ago the critics did not know, namely, that there would be two kings of Babylon at the time of the fall of the empire, and that the loins of each would be loosed. Hence the words, "I will loose the loins of kings," the reference being to the loins of Nabonidus and his son, Belshazzar. There is no reference here in Daniel, or anywhere in God's Word, as to how the defeat and capture of Nabonidus affected that king, but we can well imagine what the effect was. He must have been filled with terror as he saw his armies put to flight, his men slain, and himself surrounded and being taken by the enemy. He doubt-

less shook with fear; terror must have gripped his heart. He saw his cause lost, his kingdom gone, his foes triumphant, and he doubtless expected death, and, perhaps torture, at the hands of his enemies. His loins must have been loosed. Here in Daniel we read how the loins of Belshazzar were loosed. And so the prophecy uttered more than a century before Cyrus was born found its fulfillment, as every divinely inspired prophecy has, or, ultimately will, "I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two-leaved gates."

There had been wild merriment in the royal palace. Lords and ladies had vied with each other in praising the heathen gods and in heaping contempt upon Jehovah by the sacrilegious use of the vessels that had once been used in His service in the temple in Jerusalem. The wild merriment had known no bounds. One can imagine how the festive halls of the palace rang with laughter that grew louder and louder as the guests drank until their faces were flushed and their brains grew dizzy. But suddenly the laughter ceases! "As the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool" (Ec. 7:6). It is soon over; it does not last long.

Belshazzar and his lords,  
His wives and concubines,  
Drank from the vessels of the Lord  
Intoxicating wines,—  
They drank and praised the gods  
Of silver and of gold,  
Of brass, and iron, and wood, and stone,  
And laughed and jeered—Behold  
Upon the plaister of the wall  
A terrifying sight:  
The fingers of a human hand  
Appear and calmly write!  
The writing can be seen by all:  
Fear grips the guilty king;  
Not once again will he, or they  
Drink, laugh, or dance, or sing!  
As crackling of thorns beneath  
A pot can never last—  
So is the laughter of a fool—  
It crackles and is past!

In the case of Nebuchadnezzar we read that he "made a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon" (4:6), but here we are told that Belshazzar "cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers." A reward was promised to the successful reader and interpreter of the mysterious inscription. The king must have known, or, felt, that it foreboded evil. "Whoso-

ever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom." Here was something that for a long time puzzled the critics. Why proclaim that he should be the "third ruler" in the kingdom? Who was the second? All is now clear. His father, Nabonidus, was the first; he, Belshazzar, was the second; the reader and interpreter should be the third. Belshazzar was offering to give to the successful reader and interpreter the place of highest honor that was within his power. But "they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof." The result was continued terror. "Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled," or, as Gordon renders it, "greatly upset, and he changed color; his lords also were thrown into consternation." Moffatt renders it, "At this king Belshazzar was greatly alarmed, his colour paled, and his lords were at their wits' end."

What had they seen upon the wall? God's written Word! That written Word is enough to make the proudest sinner tremble. And it has made sinners tremble many a time as it has been proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit. The king and the assembled spectators knew that what had been written was a message from the unseen world; and, while they did not yet know what truth that message was designed to convey, their consciences must have told them it was not a message of good tidings; they must have been confident it foreboded evil of a most disastrous nature. At that very moment, while the minds of the king and his guests were thus employed. Cyrus and his men were entering the city through the "two-leaved gates," and Babylon was being taken.

The four remaining divisions of this study will be considered in the next issue:

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V. The Mysterious Writing Deciphered and Interpreted. Verses 17-28.

VI. Daniel Rewarded in Accordance with the King's Promise. Verse 29.

VII. The Death of the King and the Overthrow of the Kingdom. Verses 30, 31.



# G.T.B.I. Graduates in the Service of Our Country

Brother Ed Hutka, who is with the Merchant Marines, has just returned from sea duty in the South Pacific . . . Brother Wesley Tharalsen is at present out at sea, also with the Merchant Marines . . . Brother John Epperson is with the Armored Division—somewhere in the South Pacific . . . Brother John Hazen is at Camp Barkeley, Texas, and would be glad to hear from any of his friends. . . . Brother Frank Smith, Class of '29, is now chaplain with the U. S. Army. He is studying at present at Harvard, Cambridge, Mass. The Alumni is proud to have one of its own as an Army chaplain. Let us remember our boys in the Service in our daily prayers.

Brother Emil Balliet has recently been elected Secretary of the Minnesota District. He is also the Dean of North Central Bible Institute, as well as assistant pastor of a church in Minneapolis. He has been holding meetings in Bethel Temple, Sacramento, for one week, and will spend a few days in San Francisco before returning to Minneapolis. As many know, he is an alumnus, Class of '30.

Brother and Sister Louis E. Weston of the class of '24 have been in Salinas for about a year. God has been very gracious in saving souls and filling believers with His Spirit. Brother Louis Bacheller held a fine meeting in January with excellent results. At present, Brothers Smith and Rogers are having revival services. There were 17 at the altar for salvation during the first week of their meetings.

"Greetings to the G.T.B.I. Alumni from Idaho. I have been laboring for the Lord in Idaho for the past seven years, and have recently accepted the pastorate her in Gooding, Idaho. Quite a number of G.T.B.I. students have come from Gooding, including Sister Gail Winters of the Class of '34 (who is now Gooding's Missionary to Congo Belge, Africa. Sister Winters is due for a furlough now; but it will perhaps be a year or so before she will be able

to come home for her first furlough. Brother Homer Doyle, our District Secretary, is also a G.T.B.I. graduate—Class of '30. He is the pastor at Aberdeen, Idaho. Southern Idaho District, which was formed as a separate District a little over a year ago, is making splendid progress. A number of new churches are being started, and God seems to be richly blessing the efforts put forth in His Name. There is a good deal of pioneer work yet to be done, and as elsewhere, there is a real need for consecrated workers to fill the needs. Brethren, pray for us!"

—OSCAR ARNESEN.

## "Practice" Comes in Handy

A British soldier one night was caught creeping stealthily back to his quarters from the nearby woods. He was taken before his commanding officer and charged with holding communications with the enemy. The man pleaded that he had gone into the woods to pray by himself. . . . That was his only defense.

"Have you been in the habit of spending hours in private prayer?" the officer growled.

"Yes, sir."

"Then down on your knees and pray now!" he roared. "You never needed to so much!"

Expecting immediate death, the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in prayer that for eloquence could have been inspired only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

"You may go," said the officer simply when he had finished. "I believe your story. If you hadn't drilled often, you couldn't have done so well at review."

—Arthur Mercer.

If some people would be a little more careful about where they step, those who follow them wouldn't stumble so much.

It is self-evident that deep wells cannot be made on the surface; neither can deep spirituality be discovered in mere surface piety. It takes digging to make a well.

Why be satisfied with dust-laying showers when God would give us root-soaking showers?

- KSAN, San Francisco, 1450 kc. Sunday, 9:00-9:30 a.m., and 10:30-11:00 p.m.  
Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco  
Pastor L. R. Keys.
- KLS, Oakland, 1310 kc. 4:30-5:00 p.m. Sunday  
Richmond Full Gospel Assembly Hour  
Pastor C. E. Persing
- KLS, Oakland, 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., Sunday  
Hull Harmonizers
- KLX, Oakland, 910 kc.  
"The Voice of Faith" by J. C. Nelson  
Every Sunday, 12:30-1:00 p.m.
- KROW, Oakland, 12:00 noon Sunday  
Temple Church program  
Pastor E. Wm. Anderson
- KROW, Oakland, 960 kc.  
5:30 Sundays  
"Rock of Ages" program under direction of  
Pastor O. L. Foth  
Tabernacle of God, Oakland.
- KGDM, Stockton, 1140 kc.  
Sunday 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.  
"The Gospel Broadcasters"  
Pastor Stanley P. McPherson, Lodi
- KFQD, Anchorage, Alaska  
"The Gospel Harvesters" by transcription,  
Tuesday 4:15 p.m. under direction of  
Pastor Stanley P. McPherson, Lodi
- KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.,  
Sunday, 11:30 to 12:00 noon  
Friday, 10 p.m.  
Calvary Tabernacle program direct from  
tabernacle in Stockton.  
Pastor E. O. Robeck
- KWG, Stockton, 1230 kc.  
"The Voice of the Cross" directed by Pastor  
and Mrs. V. L. Klemin, Manteca, Calif.  
Saturday, 10:15 a.m.
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday  
"Glad Tidings Hour" with Pastor A. B.  
League of Escalon.
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Thursday, and 4:15  
p.m. Sunday  
Pastor H. T. Langley of Modesto Assembly  
of God Church.
- KTRB, Modesto, 9:00 a.m. Saturday  
Pastor D. G. Weston of Bethel Church, of  
Modesto.
- KFBK, Sacramento  
Saturday, 8:45 to 9:00 p.m.  
"Radio Pastor"—Luther G. Baker, Sr.
- KSRO, Santa Rosa, 1350 kc.  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday  
"Calvary's Messengers" under direction of  
Pastor M. P. Bohnet of Assembly of God  
Gospel Tabernacle, Santa Rosa.
- KMYC, Yuba City, 1450 kc.  
Sunday evening service, 9:15 to 9:50  
Pastor C. E. Lebeck of Yuba City Calvary  
Tabernacle.
- KOH, Reno, Nevada  
9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Sunday  
"Glad Tidings"  
Pastor and Mrs. Wm. Savidge

Live the life if you are going to talk the talk.

Better approach the sinner with tears in your eyes than with arguments on your lips.



# Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

## German Rocket Fighter Is Fastest

The German rocket-propelled fighter plane now in use as an interceptor against American bombers over the Reich moves so fast that even the men who have engaged it victoriously in close combat can give only sketchy descriptions of it.

Strict censorship does permit the disclosure that they believe it completes vertical dives that are the fastest controlled flight ever made by man.

The German plane, known officially as the ME-163, is called the "flying wing" and the "jetty" by the American flyers. It swished past heavy bombers so fast the crewmen did not realize what they were, but the fighter pilots said they were able to identify the enemy at 12 miles away by the spectacular dense white smoke or condensation trail stretching out a half mile behind each craft.

## Palestine Output

The total Palestinian industrial output for 1943 was valued at 120 million dollars, nearly half of which was strictly military supplies ordered by the British army. The industrial output six years before was worth only forty million dollars and for 1940 sixty millions.

Workers engaged in industry increased from 30,000 in 1937 to 50,000 by the end of 1942 and the trend remained upward throughout 1943. The value of Jewish investment rose to nearly 500 million dollars.

## The Gospel From Madison Square Garden

On Saturday evening, April 1, New Yorkers who happened to be passing 8th Avenue at 49th Street heard a strange sound coming from their greatest auditorium. They heard a young man's enthusiastic voice announce over an amplifying system: "The Word of Life—on the air!" Then they heard nearly 20,000 voices sing!

"Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life."

If they were surprised at this they must have been more surprised to see

and hear a throng right around them singing with the rest. These were the thousands for whom even the great Madison Square Garden had no room.

It was Jack Wyrzten's Word of Life rally. Within the great hall was a choir of more than 2,000 young women gathered from hundreds of church groups throughout the East; on the platform with the young evangelist were high-ranking Army and Navy men, businessmen, fine Christian musicians, all of whom were there to proclaim in their own way the unsearchable riches of the gospel, and the saving and keeping power of their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. From the great balconies from which millions through the years have watched and cheered at athletic, political, and entertainment events there were hung verses of Scripture across red, white and blue bunting.

Three hundred business men acted as ushers at the spectacular rally and, at the close of the final message, these men dealt personally with hundreds who responded to a call to accept Christ as their Saviour.

The great meeting was a remarkable and unusual evangelistic effort to hold forth the gospel in America's great metropolis.—*Sunday School Times*.

## Getting More, Giving Less

In 1928, with a national income of \$77,200,000,000, gifts to church-related charities reached \$532,000,000; in 1943 with a national income of \$150,000,000,000 the amount given for similar purposes dropped to \$364,000,000 or slightly more than two dollars per person, says Jacob Simpson Paton in *The Christian Advocate*.

In other words, Americans are giving only one third as much in proportion to income as they were giving fifteen years ago.

## U. S. Navy Greatest

Joseph H. Liston, special assistant to Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, said that the American navy has 14,000 ships, "more than double the size of all the navies in

the world," and declared that after the war it "must not be dispensed with by a roundtable discussion."

In an address before the International Association of Lions Clubs, Liston gave the following war production figures:

Ships, three and one half daily in 1942; five and one half daily in 1943; 11½ today; 80,000 landing craft for the invasion of France; 1,160,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition in the last two years; one rifle every 32 seconds; one machine gun every 34 seconds; \$250,000,000 monthly for radio and radar; more radios produced in one month today that were produced in one year at peace production peak; 148,000 tanks in the last two years; 1,200,000 military trucks in the last year; 185,000 airplanes since Pearl Harbor, with 1944 schedule calling for 100,000 planes at a cost of \$21,000,000,000.

Total 1944 war production schedule, \$69,000,000,000, 20 per cent above 1943 schedule.

## The Army's Example

The U.S. Army tries to maintain a ratio of one chaplain to 1,200 men. In doing this it is far ahead of the Protestant churches in their missionary program. The best they have been able to do yet is to provide one missionary for every 50,000, to 100,000 or more souls in heathen darkness. In some mission fields the ratio is smaller than this, but in many parts of the world it is very much greater.

*American Medical Journal* estimates that a million babies in the U.S. are being killed each year by criminal abortion, or one fourth as many as are born annually in this country.

Dr. Walter Alvarez of the Mayo Clinic declares that radio programs are wrecking the nerves of thousands of Americans. In many homes the radios are kept blaring all day and far into the night, with programs that do anything but relax the nerves. Both physically and spiritually, many are the worse.

Patricia Lochridge in *Woman's Home Companion*, says: "The casualties the Navy will suffer this year from venereal disease are enough to man a fleet of twelve battleships, six carriers, twenty-four cruisers, and eighty destroyers. The Army casualties are enough to form approximately twenty-six complete combat divisions."